

I. CREATION OF THE AGENCY: 1940-49

A. Background

1946--Vandenberg's selection as DCI in part cuz he is Sen.

Vandy's nephew. Already the need to avoid having CIA become a partisan issue.

1946--House Comm. on Mil. Aff. issues "A Report on the System Currently Employed in the Collection, Evaluation and Dissemination of Intell. . . ."--may be in OGC library files

While the US has engaged in for. intell. activities since before its founding, it took the events of the late 30s and early 40s to provide the impetus for the conception and development of for. tell. activities on a govt-wide basis.

B. National Security Act

Should it contain full provisions for CIA, or only bare mention, w/ another bill to be introduced later? (I think White House decides upon latter so as not to hinder passage of merger legislation.)

✓ in working on this, see two items in OGC library files first.

one unresolved ques: what did Cong intend in this act?

mention what Sen. Tydings termed "a void" in the bill, lack of specific mention of full resp. of CIA (p. 176 of hearings?) was Cong. sanctioning covert operations, or only collection of info?

what issues were raised? which were contentious or controversial?

C. CIA Act

much debate on provisions re admission of aliens  
this act key in laying down the secrecy precedent. For my purposes, this is probably more imp. than 1947 act. Examine closely to see what is debated, what the consensus is, and why Cong. so readily abdicated a role for itself.

*include the Bogota affair here*

*1948- Truman's "do-nothing" Cong.*

D. Initial ideas re oversight

Cong. had delegated authority and large sums of money in wartime-- i.e., Manhattan Project [is this analogy made?]. This was simply a continuation of that practice [habit] in another (cold) war.

CIA conceived and organized as an agent of the Executive branch. The concept of congressional oversight in the sense of scrutinizing and being fully informed of agency activities did not exist at the time of its creation [from Karalekas history]